

Owing to a mishap which sometimes befalls all well-regulated newspapers, we are a day late with this issue, and are unable to furnish the usual amount of matter of particular interest to the farmer and laborer. But accidents will happen sometimes.

#### Meeting of Central Committee of F. M. B. A., on Political Action.

Meeting called to order by Chairman G. A. Smith.

Discussion of manner of holding primaries to protect ourselves against unscrupulous persons getting position of delegates to county convention and causing discord in the "People's Party" convention.

Different motions lost on subject.

Motion by W. M. Brown, to have none but F. M. B. A. delegates to county convention, and all persons who will pledge themselves to support our ticket are eligible to vote at primaries for same.

Motion by same to give each township eight delegates to county convention.

Motion by H. L. Paine for committee of three on printing. The following were appointed: W. M. Brown, Union township, H. L. Paine, Reeder township, G. N. Robbins, Ozark township.

Motion to give proceedings of meeting to GREELEY NEWS and Kincaid Chronicle.

Committee adjourned to meet at court house at 2 p. m. July 12, '90.

G. N. ROBBINS, G. A. SMITH,  
Sec'y pro tem. Chairman.

Owing to date chosen by committee for county convention falling in conflict with another important date of this county's work, the same is withheld till members choose another date, which will be published immediately.

#### Official Advice.

Just now, there is an immense amount of advice being given by a number of newspapers to the Farmers' Alliance. An old philosopher, one of the crusty, crabbed sort of course—once said that there were two monumental fools loose in society, one of whom was engaged incessantly in giving advice, and the other in following it. As to the relative bulk of the two he adjudged them twins. The Alliance is being reminded that it is not a political organization, and counseled to keep hands off of all political candidates and measures. It may be that the organization would not be wise in entering upon the selection of candidates for any particular place, but it has unquestioned right to weigh the record of any public servant and pronounce a "Well done," or "depart" upon him. If the Alliances which have already spoken had heartily endorsed our representatives in Congress, these same papers would have lauded their action. Had the county Alliance of Johnson county pronounced in praise of Funston's record in Congress, the Olathe Mirror and the other postoffice organs of the district would have applauded the Alliance to the skies, but this it could not do, therefore reliable Republicans who have never wavered in their support of the worthy men and measures of the party are now condemned by that paper as Democrats and Mugwumps. It

makes all the difference in the world whose ox is gored.

As for the question of advice, our Alliance friends have not as yet issued proposals for accepting bids for furnishing the article. It is fairly presumed that the men and women who have built up in a few months the most powerful organization in America in the face of the covert hostility of both great political parties, can take care of it without the necessity of calling upon its natural enemies for counsel. The Alliance is composed of the honest, true hearted farmers of this country, and if public matters may not be safely trusted to their charge there is no other class who can safely administer them. Let the politicians and postoffice organs keep their advice to themselves—they will need it all at home before November.—*Lawrence Record.*

#### Christian Ministers Speak.

*The Ministerial Association of the Christian Church of Kansas, meeting at Wichita, June 13, 1890, to the Prohibition Amendment workers of Nebraska, greeting:*

Our hearts and our prayers are with you in the pending campaign. We trust that success may crown your efforts, and that prohibition may become a part of your fundamental law, as it is a part of ours.

Both the moral and material interests of Kansas have been conserved by prohibition. We warn the voters of Nebraska against the sophistries and falsehoods of the re-submissionists of Kansas.

We do not believe that the re-submissionists have any serious hope of dislodging prohibition in Kansas, but the re-submission agitation is an effort on the part of the national liquor dealers and a few political tricksters of Kansas to influence voters against prohibition in your amendment campaign. It is for campaign purposes in Nebraska in the interests of license, and to defeat prohibition there, rather than anything they expect to accomplish here.

May God bless you in your great work.

Done this 13th day of June, by the unanimous vote of the Association.  
J. E. PICKET, Pres.  
GEO. F. HALL, Sec'y.

#### Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from kidney and liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best kidney and liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle at C. H. Lathen's drugstore."

As soon as you read this paper, hand it to some neighbor, have him read it and hand it to another neighbor, and keep the ball a-rolling.

FARMERS, you can help to make the AGITATOR interesting. Send in short letters or items.

SEND in items of the doings of the F. M. B. A. and Alliance.

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#### STREET CAR MANNERS.

##### Observations Upon One or Two Common Types of Boorishness.

One day last week a car on one of the Traction company's lines became pretty well crowded with passengers, mostly ladies, before its trip was half made. In the corner next the rear door sat a well dressed lad of 16, evidently the son of parents in good circumstances. Within a space of two squares three old men, none of whom were less than 70, one nearly blind and all more or less crippled, got in the car. Seats were furnished for two of them by gentlemen who stood, and a gray haired lady gave the third her seat. The boy never moved or gave the least indication that he knew or cared whether older or helpless people were standing while he was comfortably seated.

If this boorish and ill-mannered boy was the only one of his type it would be hardly worth while to refer to the matter; but, unfortunately, he is not. There are hundreds and thousands like him. In many cases, perhaps, these lads are more to be pitied than blamed. Any one who witnessed the selfishness and want of courtesy shown by the lad in question recognized that defective home training was at the root of his ill-mannered selfishness. He had not been taught respect for age or sympathy for helplessness. Therefore, he failed to exercise either. Would it not be worth while for parents and teachers, while teaching the boys a good many other things, to teach them manners, too? If they can't be induced to do it from a love of good manners on their own part they should do it for very shame, for every exhibition of selfish boorishness like the one above mentioned is an advertisement to the world that all the world reads of a lack of proper home training. The boorish boy gives away his boorish parents or teachers.

In the same car, before it became quite so crowded, was another boor—the fellow who folds and unfolds his newspaper, digging his elbows into the passengers on each side of him while doing so. This fellow is in almost every morning and evening car. His elbows are worn sharp by constant practice, as thousands of his fellow riders can testify from painful experience. He is worse than the boy who hasn't been taught good manners and isn't old enough to have learned himself, for the newspaper boor is usually a full grown and often a middle aged man. There is another type of the newspaper boor found in most street cars. He is the fellow who gets in soon after the car starts and becomes so absorbed in his newspaper that he can't see

other people standing, while he and his newspaper occupy the space of two or more seats.

Really, it is hardly to be wondered at that half grown boys sit in supreme and unconscious selfishness while crippled age stands, when they are furnished so many examples of boorish selfishness by those that should be their teachers and exemplars in courtesy. Can't some kind hearted and wealthy philanthropist be induced to find an institution for the reformation of the various adult street car boors, including, besides those just mentioned, the cross-legged boor, the fellow whose cane or umbrella is stuck out to trip other passengers, and all the other examples of the genus boor? If these ill-mannered fellows were reformed, perhaps the half grown lads might learn street car courtesy by the process of imitation.—*Philadelphia Times.*

#### In the House of a Rich Japanese.

The wealthy Japanese make no display either in the architecture of their houses or in the display of ornaments. In the way of furnishing, their pride is in the delicacy of their mats and the richness of the satin cushions. The chief room in the house of a rich Japanese is thus described: "The salon was about 25 feet long by 15 wide. At one end, in the corner, was a small raised platform in a little niche and on it a fine Imari vase three feet high, holding flowering branches of the cherry tree. Behind, upon the wall, hung a very valuable but very ugly kakamono of a god. Twelve blue satin futons lay in two rows upon the floor and three standing lamps stood in a line between. A folding screen was placed to protect us from draught—and that was the entire furniture of the millionaire's drawing room. The 'mats' upon the floor were of the whitest and finest straw. The screen was a gorgeous one, with a battle scene painted upon a gold background." The Japanese keep their bric-a-brac in fire proof buildings, to be taken out once at a time and admired, and then replaced by another.—*Chicago Times.*

#### SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY

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